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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

KENNETH E. SMITH,

No. C 06-2966 CW

Plaintiff,

v.

CITIFINANCIAL; CITIBANK
USA, NA; et al.

Defendant(s).

**ORDER DENYING MULTIPLE
DEFENDANTS' REQUESTS TO BE
EXCUSED FROM PERSONAL
ATTENDANCE AT MEDIATION**

Having considered the written submissions from the parties, the Court finds that Defendants Equifax, Trans Union, and Experian (collectively, "Defendants") have not demonstrated that the personal attendance by their representatives at an upcoming mediation would "impose an extraordinary or otherwise unjustifiable hardship." *See* ADR Local Rule, 6-9(d). Accordingly, the Court DENIES Defendants' request to be relieved from compliance with the ADR Local Rules by having their representatives attend the upcoming mediation by telephone.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 28, 2006

Copies to:

WDB, stats
CW, ADR, neutral, all parties


WAYNE D. BRAZIL
United States Magistrate Judge